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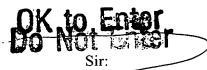
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, please amend the abovecaptioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A lithium secondary battery comprising:

an electrode body obtained by winding or laminating a positive electrode and a negative electrode via a separator, and

a non-aqueous electrolytic solution containing a lithium compound as the electrolyte, wherein the battery contains water (H₂O) and hydrofluoric acid (HF) in a total concentration of 10,000 ppm or less.